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Loans

Loans under the Land Improvements Loans Act.

*1419 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether loans for coffee plantations can be obtained under the Land Improvements Loans Act;

(b) whether coconut plantations also come under the same Act or whether they come under the Agriculturists' Loans Act and what are the reasons for the distinction, if any;

(c) whether the Government will call for information regarding the circumstances under which a loan application for a coconut plantation at Udipi was rejected last year by the then Collector and a renewed application made according to his directions was rejected by his successor this year;

(d) whether the Revenue authorities can reject a loan recommended by the Director of Agriculture, when they are satisfied that adequate security has been given, and if so, on what grounds; and

(e) whether, in view of the fact that the applicant referred to above is a university man, who has taken to farming, the Government will consider the desirability of looking into the connected papers and granting the loan to him?

A.—(a) & (b) Loans for both coffee and coconut plantations come under the Agriculturists' Loans Act—not the Land Improvements Loans Act.

(d) The authorities competent to sanction a loan are set out in Rule II of the Revised Loans Rules and the conditions under which loans can be granted are in Rules I, III, V and XI to XXIII of the Rules. Compliance with any application is not obligatory. These rules are contained in the Madras Takkavi Manual, a publication available to the public.

(c) & (e) As it is open to anybody whose application for a loan has been rejected by the district authorities to appeal to the Board of Revenue and if need be to the Government and as the applicant referred to in these questions has apparently not made any such representation, the Government regret they cannot undertake to start an enquiry on the basis of the information these questions are apparently intended to convey.

Village Establishments

Levy of fine on the village munsif of Lalgudi.

*1420 Q.—Mr. S. Muttayya Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the village munsif of Lalgudi was fined for not visiting and paying his respects to the Revenue Divisional Officer when he was camping in the village?

A.—The Government are not aware whether or no the fact is as suggested. No appeal or representation on the subject has reached Government.